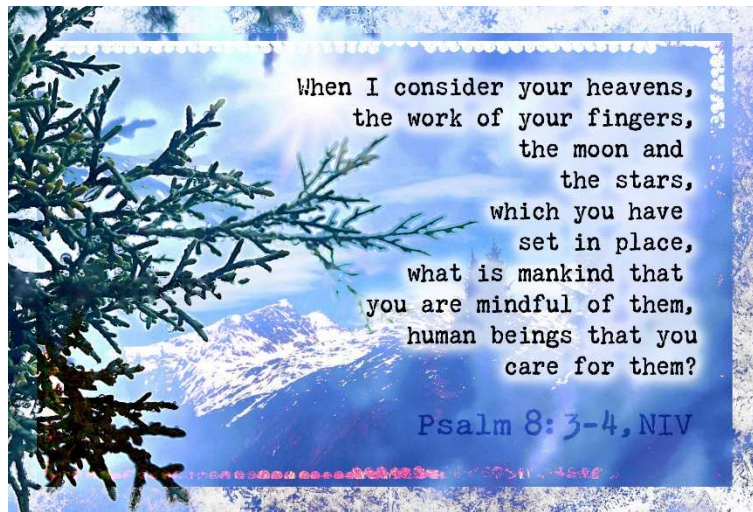


The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield

United Church of Christ



May 31, 2026; 10 a.m.

REFLECT

Alleluia is not just a word, it is a way of living...

How many ways can we share 'alleluia!'?

When the bread is divided, alleluia

When the table is set, alleluia

When the hungry are fed, alleluia

When peace is celebrated, alleluia

When communities are brought together, alleluia


When neighbors love each other, alleluia

~ excerpted from an *Easter Statement of Faith* written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on

Listening to the Stones

**TRINITY SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Stephen Page

Call to Worship (Psalm 8)

Karen Murphy

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**All: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;**

Leader: what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

**All: Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

**All: all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,**

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

 **A Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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A Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 28:16-20

Unison Prayer of Invocation

O Creator, God of Life, Loving Christ, Holy Spirit, Healer
We come before you this day seeking spiritual food for the journey.
May our minds be centered on you with listening ears, willing hearts,
and the faith, strength, and courage to follow in your ways today and always. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Reader: May God bless our hearing and understanding of this
reading from our sacred texts.

All: Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God

Prayer Hymn (seated)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart”

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Prayers of the People

Sharing Concerns, Joys~ Pastoral Prayer ~ Lord’s Prayer~

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Call to Offering and Offertory Music

*(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them
in the plates during the music)*

A Doxology

Tune: # 34 (Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

“Creating God”

Rev. Emily Castner

Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God & King”

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Benediction (after which, please be seated for the postlude)

Postlude



Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

Today we welcome Pastor Emily Castner to our church.

Pastor Emily is a retired chaplain of a large nursing home in Rochester, New York and currently lives in Worcester, where she is a deacon in the United Congregational Church.

Welcome Pastor Emily!

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